EPIC

EMBASSY PERIMETER IMPROVEMENT CONCEPTS & DESIGN GUIDELINES

Embassy Perimeter Improvement Concepts (EPIC), provides information for improving the quality and appeal of the built environment surrounding United States diplomatic facilities abroad. These concepts integrate existing standards with new design approaches that define how to improve the perimeter appearance of new and existing embassy compounds throughout the world.

Embassy Park, Montevideo

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Belmopan Entrance Pavilion

- A major goal of U.S Diplomatic facilities abroad is to demonstrate the openness and optimism of the American people while providing safe and secure environments for staff and visitors.
- OBO has produced the Embassy Perimeter Improvement Concepts (EPIC) study to establish the means and methods of mitigating negative images of our embassy perimeters.
- To do this, OBO assembled a design team of architects, landscape architects, and security experts who were tasked with producing a major study of compound perimeter design.
- The project commenced with the design team and representatives from OBO and DS visiting four embassy compounds constructed between 1956 and the present. The purpose was to observe and document each compound perimeter from various points of view.
- The study analyzes, identifies, and documents the functional and aesthetic realities of the perimeter designs of diplomatic facilities. It makes significant and potentially wide-ranging recommendations for their improvement.
- The report includes Guidelines with supporting drawings and details and features recommended changes to OBO perimeter design. It includes anti-ram/anti-climb design elements, criteria, and standards as well as representational elements.

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Opening Remarks

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Q & A

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